

Our Brother G. W. Hartsfield who has recently left his old home at Mansfield, La., where he had resided for 23 years, and settled, as pastor, at Arcadia, of the same State, writes us a very pleasant note. Among other things he says: "We are trying to get used to our new home here. If kindness and plenty of work will help towards that end we are encouraged. Yesterday was the coldest day of the season and our large house was filled with attentive listeners. I am going to be troubled a good deal changing my mail. Twenty-three years' sojourn in Mansfield will be hard to rub out." Will all of Brothers H. C. correspondents "note the change"? Our brother has our best wishes and prayers for himself and his in his new field.

Tidings From our Foreign Fields.

AFRICA. Brother Smith, lately removed from Abyssinia to Oghomoshaw, where he takes charge of the work, which has been somewhat retarded by some little trouble in the church. He expects to have everything alright in a short time, and thinks the outlook there hopeful. — It is gratifying to the Board to be able to say that the crying need of men for our Lord's work is in every way being met. Several good men are offering themselves for it.

Rev. Z. C. Taylor reports the work as spreading from Bahia as a center, to regions as much as 80 leagues into the interior. In several places in the interior he has baptized converts, won through the testimony of members of the Bahia church. These Christians are at work — Brethren Bogle and Soper, from Rio, report their work as making good progress. Conversions large and increasing, conversions not a few, and an increasing number of baptisms. — Miss Maggie Rives death was a sad, sad blow to the mission, but we rejoice in the knowledge that another gifted daughter of Missouri is ready to take up the work left by her. — Read the Brazilian letters in the Journal.

ITALY. Mrs. Mary Taylor, in the Journal, gives some very interesting sketches of Italian friends people. Her letter and Dr. Taylor's make the Journal a real Italian news paper. — Dr. Taylor tells of the death of "Father" Garavazzi, "the greatest man and only great crater of the evangelists," with a brief notice of his life. A great loss to Italy. — He also says: "Our men and our books have gone to Egypt, to Turkey, and to France, and a call has come to us from Tunis, and lately Sig. Belotti has been to Australia. So the light spreads. Money still comes in for the Italian Chapel Fund."

MEXICO. Miss Sophie Hale, Paraiso, says we are in Mexico to change our preaching stations, schools, with 140 scholars, and about 700 members. Brother Wilson feels that he has at last "gotten a firm footing" in Mexico, and God has blessed his labors. Seven have been baptised, and will go out beyond the city in his work this year. Bro. Rudd is able to preach in Mexican Spanish, and the work at Paraiso opens encouragingly. The house for "boys" school and training school for young maidens of Saltillo should be equipped.

Curry, Bow, Chappell, and wife are on their way to Shanghai, at which place brethren Britton and Lutkin have already arrived. The sealer papers report serious troubles in Chinkiang and destruction of "American mission chapel." It is to be hoped that this is not. But the Board has received no news. Pray for the brethren and sisters. Nine years of incessant toil in Canton makes a rest necessary for Bro. Simmons and Mrs. Simmons' health, so such a dear physician has ordered her to leave for recuperation. They will leave in May, and Dr. Graves will return to take charge of the work. God has greatly blessed the work in Canton, seventy having been baptised last year.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS. There will be a district meeting held with the Mount Herob church on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in March, which all the ministers and deacons in the Bethel Association are requested to attend, and as many of the laity as can attend are specially invited to do so.

Prayer by Eld. S. S. Robbins, Jr., & Bro. Wilson, Alternate. Essay on Communion as to how often, when, and where, to be observed. By Elders J. D. Stone and Bryson. Essay on the best plan of arousing the spirituality of the church. By G. L. Williams and L. L. Stone. The Duty of Deacons. By Elder J. T. Branson and Joshua McLeodore. The Temptation of the Church, Gressett and Copeper.

The spiritual and secular sphere of the church. By L. A. Duncan and Elders Pickard and Clarke. T. L. Williams to preach Saturday night. A. Gessett at 4 o'clock Sunday.

The district meeting of the Hobart Chiro Association, will meet with Corinth, a newly organized church, five miles south of Nicholson, Hancock Co., the 5th Sabbath in March, and Saturday before. The committee appointed to manage the programme, Elder J. B. Flanagan, chairman, reported as follows: "How should people conduct themselves at the house of God?" — W. C. Anderson, Newton Bruden.

"How should a minister conduct himself to exert an influence over his church?" — R. N. Davis, J. B. Flanagan.

Nicholson, Miss., Feb. 17th, 1889.

News From Concord.

All the fall and winter, notwithstanding the so many allurements that lead us astray, the Lord has watched over his house at this place. Nearly every service, twice per month, some special interest on the part of the unconverted, has been manifested. Last Sunday, Feb. 17th, regardless of the unfavorable weather, a goodly number met at the water's edge and witnessed the burial of one in Christ by baptism. We returned to the church and at the close of the service, 43 asked an interest in the prayers of God's people.

One brother says that we have the largest congregations now of any church in Yazo county. We have now, for the first time in quite a number of years, a good Sunday school. The sisters have organized a Woman's Mission Society. With these helps the pastor's great desire is that scores of these wayward souls shall soon be made glad in the embrace of Christ. — If we look for it, we shall have it.

T. J. SWANZENY.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, in law, W. H. S. Montrose, Jasper Co., Miss., Feb. 13th, 1889, Mr. J. H. Todd, Mrs. H. H. Hickory, Newton Co., Miss., Mrs. E. Chapman, of Jasper Co., Miss. Elder Wm. E. Smith officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. F. M. Vincent, Mr. Joe Bishop and Miss Della Vincent, all of Kenner Co., on Nov. 4th, 1888.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. J. Plunkett, Feb. 17th, 1889, Mr. J. W. Blanchard and Miss Susie S. Plunkett, All of Yazoo Co., F. J. Swanzy officiating.

On the 26th of Feb., 1889, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. H. Gerard; Mr. T. M. O'Neal of Shirley Co., and Miss Dossie Gerard, of Yazoo Co., F. J. Swanzy officiating.

A. B. Cotton and Miss Mattie Laurin, on the 14th of Feb., 1889, at the residence of the bride's mother near Hamlet, Jasper Co., Miss., by Elder M. G. Turner.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. G. Turner, on Dec. 24th, 1888, W. J. McFarland and Miss. Charity R. Thompson on Dec. 25th, 1888, by Elder M. G. Turner at the residence of Benjamin and Caroline Thompson deceased, gear Hamlet.

Judson Edkins and Miss Maggie Thigpen on the 14th of Feb., 1889, by Elder M. G. Turner, at the residence of the bride's father, Elder Wm. Thigpen, near Lake Como, Miss.

At the residence of Prof. J. S. Thornton, Duck Hill, Miss., Feb. 19th, 1889, Mr. C. C. Butt and Miss Florence Thornton, Elder E. E. Thornton officiating.

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